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In the claims

1-7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A[[n]] single entertainment machine comprising:

a housing suitable for placement in a public place for use of the entertainment machine by the public;

a credit-accepting mechanism to accept cash-oriented credit from a customer using the entertainment machine;

a biometric acquisition mechanism to obtain biometric information of [[a]] the customer responsive to the cash-oriented credit having been accepted from the customer;

a computer-readable medium having stored thereon a database of biometric information of a plurality of predetermined people;

a comparison mechanism to compare the biometric information of the customer against the database, responsive to the biometric information of the customer having been obtained, to yield one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer; and,

an output mechanism to entertain the customer by [[to]] indicat[[e]]ing to the customer the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer, responsive to the biometric information of the customer having been compared against the database,

wherein the biometric acquisition mechanism comprises one or more of: an image-capturing mechanism to capture at least one of facial images, retinal scans, and eye scans of the customer; a sound-recording mechanism to record voice samples of the customer; and, a touch-sensitive mechanism to obtain at least one of fingerprint scans and handprint scans of the

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customer,

wherein the database comprises one or more of: a database of biometric information of a plurality of sports stars; a database of biometric information of a plurality of politicians; a database of biometric information of a plurality of historical figures; a database of biometric information of famous individuals; a database of biometric information of celebrities; and, a database of biometric information of a plurality of fictitious characters, and

wherein the credit-accepting mechanism, the biometric acquisition mechanism, the comparison mechanism, the output mechanism, and the computer-readable medium are disposed within the housing.

9.-11. (cancelled)

12. (original) The entertainment machine of claim 8, wherein the output mechanism comprises at least one of: a display device, and a printing device.

13.-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A[[n]] single entertainment machine comprising:

a housing suitable for placement in a public place for use of the entertainment machine by the public;

a credit-accepting mechanism to accept cash-oriented credit from at least one of a first customer and a second customer using the entertainment machine, the second customer different than the first customer;

a biometric acquisition mechanism to obtain biometric information of [[a]] the first customer and biometric information of [[a]] the second customer, responsive to the cash-oriented

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credit having been accepted from the at least one of the first customer and the second customer different than the first customer;

a comparison mechanism to determine how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer, responsive to the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer having been obtained; and,

an output mechanism to entertain the first customer and the second customer by indicat[[e]]ing to the first customer and the second customer how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer, responsive to having determined how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer,

wherein the biometric acquisition mechanism comprises one or more of: an image-capturing mechanism to capture at least one of facial images, retinal scans, and eye scans of the first customer and the second customer; a sound-recording mechanism to record voice samples of the first customer and the second customer; and, a touch-sensitive mechanism to obtain at least one of fingerprint scans and handprint scans of the first customer and the second customer,

wherein the credit-accepting mechanism, the biometric acquisition mechanism, the comparison mechanism, and the output mechanism are disposed within the housing.

19.-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) The entertainment machine of claim 18, wherein the output mechanism comprises at least one of: a display device, and a printing device.